

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

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A dispensing device for substances including personal care, cosmetics, and medicinal substances is described. ~~The device dispenses a metered amount of a substance~~ by actuation of a push button which indirectly contacts an advancable shaft, thereby driving a piston to push the substance from a reservoir into an applicator. The device can be operated in one hand of a person and is devoid of any twist or rotation mechanism.